What is claimed is:

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- 1. An electric cooking apparatus including a body member, a container adapted to contain food to be cooked and a control module operable to control the operation of said apparatus, wherein said body member, said container and said control module are releasably engageable with one another, wherein said container and said control module each includes a respective engagement member which are complementary with and releasably engageable with each other, and wherein said control module is locked against movement from said body member when said body member, said container and said control module are engaged with one another.
- 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said control module is disengageable from said body member only when said engagement members are disengaged from each other.
- 3. An apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said body member is free of electrical or electronic components.
 - 4. An apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said container is mounted with at least one heating element.
 - 5. An apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said control module includes at least one electrical connector adapted to electrically connect with at least one complementary electrical connector of said container to close an electric circuit of said apparatus.
 - 6. An apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein said control module includes a pair of electrical connectors adapted to electrically connect with a pair of complementary electrical connectors of said container to close an electric circuit of said apparatus.
 - 7. An apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein said at least one electrical connector of said container is carried by a heating element of said container.
 - 8. An apparatus according to Claim 7 wherein said at least one electrical connector of said container is provided at an end of said heating element.
- 30 9. An apparatus according to Claim 6 wherein said pair of electrical connectors of said container are carried by a heating element of said container.
 - 10. An apparatus according to Claim 9 wherein said pair of electrical connectors

- of said container are each provided at a respective end of said heating element.
- 11. An electric cooking apparatus including a body member, a container adapted to contain food to be cooked and a control module operable to control the operation of said apparatus, wherein said body member, said container and said control module are releasably engageable with one another, wherein said container has a bottom surface for supporting said food to be cooked, and wherein when said apparatus is positioned on a horizontal surface, said bottom surface of said container is inclined relative to said horizontal surface.

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- 12. An electric cooking apparatus according to Claim 11 wherein said container includes an upper rim and wherein said bottom surface of said container is inclined relative to a plane containing said upper rim of said container.
 - 13. An electric cooking apparatus according to Claim 11 wherein, when said body member, said container and said control module are engaged with one another, said bottom surface of said container slopes upwardly from an end proximate said control module to an opposite end thereof.